Steps to cure the consumption of Petroleum Products

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SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently taken some steps to reduce the consumption of Petroleum products;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of these products saved during 1990-91 till date as a *result of these measures?*

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Various measures have been taken to contain the demand of Petroleum products. Details are attached.

(c) As a result of various steps taken to contain the demand for petroleum produts, rate of growth in consumption of petroleum products has declined from 8.3 per cent during April-December, 1989 to 2.3 per cent during April-December, 1990. Against the projected free demand of 58.87 million tonnes, the consumption is now expected to be restricted to about 55.25 milion tonnes in 1990-91.

Steps taken to curb the consumption of petroleum products:

The restrictions presently in force include:

1. Ban on release of new LPG connections and Double Bottle connections, except for release of LPG connections to new LPG Dealerships.

2. Minimum time interval of 10 days for refill booking for domestic LPG cylinders.

3. 20 per cent in consumption of petrol and diesel in vehicles of Central Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings over the consumption in 1989-90.

4. 10 per cent cut on supplies of MS and HSD to bulk consumers over the average consumption in last 3 years.

5. Releases of MS through Retail Outlets restricted to 4 per cent growth over the corresponding period of the previous year.

6. Releases of HSD through Retail Outlets restricted to 4 per cent growth over the corresponding period of the previous year.

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7. 10 per cent on supplies of HSD to State Road Transport Undertaking over consumption in the previous year. However, reqiurements of STUs for net fleet expansion to be met in full.

8. Ban on supply of HSD for new captive DG sets.

9. 10 per cent cut on average last 3 years offtakes for LDO supplies to direct consumers.

10. 10 per cent cut on LDO/HSD supplies for domestic shipping, including Inland Waterways.

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†Written Answers to Starred and Unstarred Questions set for the 28th February, 1991.

Investments by UTI/LIC etc. in Karnataka

*81. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Governfent's proposal for adequate investments by UTI|LIC and

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†The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the 28th February was cancelled. Answers to the Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 4th March, 1991